



STATE OF ALASKA  
DEPARTMENT OF  
**COMMERCE**  
COMMUNITY AND  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

*Mike Dunleavy, Governor  
Julie Sande, Commissioner  
Keith Kurber II, Chairman*

**Regulatory Commission of Alaska**

December 28, 2022

In reply refer to: Tariff Section  
File: TA182-341  
LO#: L2200426

Richard Symons  
Owner  
Gold Country Energy  
PO Box 30114  
Central, AK 99730

Dear Mr. Symons:

Gold Country Energy (GCE) filed TA182-341 on November 15, 2022, seeking to update its Cost of Power Adjustment, Power Cost Equalization (PCE), and Small Facility Power Purchase Rate. On December 27, 2022, the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (Commission) approved Tariff Sheet Nos. 62, 67, and 68, filed November 15, 2022, by GCE with TA182-341. The effective date of the tariff sheets is December 30, 2022.

The Commission requires GCE to file its Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Operations Report (AOR) by March 31, 2023. Additionally, the Commission reminds GCE that its Fiscal Year 2022 AOR is due March 31, 2023. Finally, the Commission notifies GCE that failure to file its AOR may result in suspension of the utility's PCE disbursements.

Enclosed are validated copies of the approved tariff sheets. Also enclosed is a copy of the Staff Memorandum with the PCE calculation.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION

Sincerely,

REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA

[Becki Alvey \(Dec 28, 2022 08:18 AKST\)](#)

Becki Alvey  
Tariff Section Manager

Enclosures

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**V. POWER COST EQUALIZATION**

Power Cost Equalization

The following conditions apply to Power Cost Equalization (PCE) eligibility.

- 1. Residential Customers are eligible for PCE for actual consumption of not more than 750 kilowatt-hours per month.
- 2. Customers that are classified as local community facilities are eligible for PCE, calculated in the aggregate for each community served by the Utility, for actual consumption of not more than 70 kilowatt-hours per month for each resident of the community. The number of community residents shall be determined under AS 29.60.020.
- 3. Customers not listed above are not eligible for PCE.

If appropriations are sufficient for payment in full, the amount of Power Cost Equalization to be credited to the bills of all eligible customers rendered on or after the effective date set forth below is as follows:

<u>Schedule</u>	<u>PCE Amount</u>	
ALL	\$0.6294 per kWh	R

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## 1. Estimated costs for 3 months beginning 10/01/2022.

<u>Source</u>	<u>Estimated Quantity</u>	<u>Estimated Unit Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Diesel fuel	9,673	\$4.3516	\$ 42,093.03	R
Purchased Power			\$ 0.00	
TOTAL			\$ 42,093.03	R

2. Balance in Cost of Power Balancing Account  
as of 09/30/2022

6,453.68 R

## 3. TOTAL [1 + 2]

\$ 48,546.71 R

## 4. Estimated retail sales for 3 months (kWh)

79,525kWh R

## 5. Projected cost of power [3/4]

\$ 0.6105/kWh R

## 6. Base cost of power

\$ 0.1387/kWh

## 7. Cost of power adjustment amount [5-6]

\$ 0.4718kWh R

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**VII. SMALL FACILITY POWER PURCHASE RATE (SFPPR)**

The Small Facility Power Purchase Rate is the rate for GCE's purchase of energy from Qualifying Facilities with a Design Capacity of 100kWh or less. The update definition of Qualifying Facility by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is employed in RCA's new regulations at 3 AAC 50.820(11), as is the methodology of the calculation of the SFPPR. This calculation of SFPPR is consistent with that.

The SFPPR, expressed in cents-per-kilowatt-hour, is calculated as the sum of projected Fuel Costs, Variable Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Expenses, and the Energy Portion of Purchased Power Expense divided by the Number of Kilowatts Sold, using the same projected costs and sales in the COPA methodology.

A. Fuel Costs including Energy Portion of Purchased Power Expense (Line 1 of Tariff Sheet 67)	\$42,093.03	R
Variable O&M Expense	\$ 0.00	
Total Expense	\$42,093.03	R
B. Estimated Kilowatts Sold (Line 4 of Tariff Sheet 67)	79,525 kWh	R
C. SFPPR Rate (Calculated as A/B)	\$0.5293/kWh	R

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